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SUBJECT:WRAP-UP ON CROWN LITIGATION

REF: 77 STATE 311199

1. SUMMARY: SUPREME COURT TURNS DOWN SENATOR DOLE'S
REQUEST FOR AN INJUNCTION. ANOTHER SUIT FILED, BUT
PROMPTLY DISPOSED OF. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN
DENVER RULED AGAINST SENATOR DOLE'S MOTION FOR AN INJUNC-
TION BARRING RETURN OF THE CROWN ON DECEMBER 31. AFTER
ORAL ARGUMENT, THE COURT RULED THAT THE CASE INVOLVED
A POLITICAL QUESTION NOT JUSTICIABLE IN THE COURTS.

3. SENATOR DOLE SUBSEQUENTLY SOUGHT EMERGENCY SUPREME
COURT REVIEW OF COURT OF APPEALS DECISION. SUPREME
COURT JUSTICE DENIED HIS REQUEST FOR AN INJUNCTION ON
JANUARY 3.

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4. AN UNRELATED SUIT WAS FILED IN BOSTON EVENING OF
JANUARY 4, BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN SEEKING TO HAVE HIMSELF
ADJUDGED CUSTODIAN OF THE CROWN ON GROUNDS OF HIS
DESCENT FROM AN (APPARENTLY) POLISH COUNTESS. SUIT DID
NOT STATE ANY LEGAL CLAIM AGAINST CROWN'S RETURN, AND
INJUNCTION WAS SWIFTLY DENIED BY FEDERAL DISTRICT

COURT IN BOSTON.

5. THERE HAVE BEEN A TOTAL OF FOUR SUITS BROUGHT AGAINST CROWN'S RETURN. ALTHOUGH THE COURTS HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO ENJOIN THE CROWN'S RETURN, EACH SUIT REMAINS ON THE DOCKET OF THE COURT WHERE THE ACTION WAS FILED. BEGINNING NEXT WEEK, GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO HAVE ALL FOUR SUITS DISMISSED ON GROUNDS OF MOOTNESS. CHRISTOPHER

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